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TOWN OFFICERS OF SANDWICH, 1886.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

H. G. O. ELLIS.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

CHARLES DILLINGHAM, H. G. O. ELLIS,
JAMES SHEVLIN.

In consequence of his appointment as Postmaster, Mr. Shevlin resigned on the 4th of October last.

School Committee,

Term ending March, 1889: { JOHN H. STEVENS,
ROBERT ARMSTRONG,
E. C. PERCIVAL.
Term ending March, 1888: { CHAS. DILLINGHAM,
JOHN E. PRATT,
DAVID A. HOXIE.
Term ending March, 1887: { SARAH T. McLAUGHLIN,
WM. C. CHIPMAN,
HENRY W. GOODSPEED.

Superintendent of Schools,

CHARLES DILLINGHAM,

Constables,

CHARLES QUINN, ROBT. ARMSTRONG,
EZRA T. POPE, GEORGE ATKINS,
LABAN P. CROCKER, JOHN F. CUNNINGHAM,
SETH O. ELLIS.

Surveyor of Highways,

STEPHEN S. CHIPMAN.

Sealer of Weights and Measures,

SETH O. ELLIS.

Field Driver,
LABAN P. CROCKER.

Fence Viewers,
GUSTAVUS HOWLAND, CHIPMAN FISH,
ROBERT ARMSTRONG, STEPHEN S. CHIPMAN,
CHARLES E. POPE.

Registrars of Voters,
ISAAC K. CHIPMAN, to May 1, 1887; JOSEPH B.
McARDLE, WM. L. NYE, H. G. O. ELLIS, ex officio.

Collector of Taxes,
PELEG T. BROWN, at 1 per cent.

Fire Wards,
LABAN P. CROCKER, STEPHEN S. CHIPMAN.
DAVID A. HOXIE.

Board of Health,
E. S. WHITTEMORE, DR. GEORGE E. WHITE,
A. C. SOUTHWORTH, A. F. SHERMAN,
D. F. CHESSMAN.

Auditors,
LEVI S. NYE, CHARLES M. CLARK.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber,
GUSTAVUS HOWLAND, CHARLES E. POPE,
CHIPMAN FISH, ISAIAH FISH,
SAMUEL H. NYE.



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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

In accordance with a vote of the town, the Selectmen herewith present their annual report of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1886.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The various sums received from all sources for the year 1886.

1886.

Jan. 1,	To balance due in settlement 1885...	\$ 9 88
Mar. 2,	To cash recd. of Town of Middleboro for H. H. P. Lovell	53 55
3,	" " Town of Harwich for Mrs. Shuster.....	52 00
19,	" " Town of Brewster for I. Robbins.....	64 25
29,	" " Town of Freetown for P. Braley.....	14 00
Apr. 13,	" " Town of Medford for M. Gilman.....	5 00
May 5,	" " Town of Harwich for Nixon.....	1 50
Apr. 10,	" " Town of Bourne, board of paupers.....	201 95
Aug. 17,	" " Town of Bourne, board of paupers.....	162 50

Nov. 5,	To cash recd. of Town of Bourne, board of Susan Gibbs....	211 50
Nov. 5,	" " Town of Bourne, board of paupers.....	153 01
Jan. 31,	" " Town of Bourne, board of paupers.....	214 71
Jan. 15,	" " Town of Bourne, on acct. old bill.....	12 27
Feb. 8,	" " G. L. Atherton, board of father.....	39 00
Feb. 20,	" " Mrs. J. L. Rogers, board of husband.....	43 00
Sep. 3,	" " Mrs. J. L. Rogers, board of husband.....	43 60
Dec. 31,	" " Mrs. J. L. Rogers, board of husband.....	52 18
Apr. 14,	" " Mrs. Jos. Harrison, board of Alice at L. Hos- pital.....	27 76
Oct. 28,	" " Chas. T. Pope, for his board at L. Hospital,	87 35
Mar. 11,	" " from the State, bal. Cor- poration Tax of '85.	513 14
Dec. 7,	" " from the State, Corpora- tion Tax 1886.....	694 83
Dec. 7,	" " from the State Nat'l Bank Tax 1886.....	652 47
Dec. 7,	" " re-imbursement M. Aid..	127 00
Dec. 7,	" " " M. Aid chap. 301.....	353 50
Apr. 1,	" " Emma Jones, note,.....	100 00
Apr. 3,	" " Bass River Savings Bank, note	3,000 00
Jun. 5,	" " Bass River Savings Bank, note.....	500 00
Dec. 24,	" " Bass River Savings Bank, note.....	600 00

May.	To cash recd. of C. Donovan, 2d., license..	200 00
	" " Thos. McDermott, "	200 00
	" " Susan McParlin, "	200 00
	" " James Keenan, "	200 00
	" " A. C. Southworth, "	100 00
	" " Geo. N. Chipman, "	1 00
	" " John Jennings, "	200 00
	" " Proctor Brothers, "	1 00
Jan. 13,	" " T. Cahoon, pedler's license.....	6 00
Jun. 30,	" " R. A. Hammond, pedler's license.....	6 00
Aug. 24,	" " Cornish & Parks, pedler's license.....	6 00
Sep. 1,	" " Eldred Baker, pedler's license.....	6 00
Nov. 1,	" " A. F. Perry, pedler's license.....	6 00
Jan. 16,	" " F. E. Pierce, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
July 17,	" " Wm. L. Nye, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
Apr. 26,	" " T. L. Mayo & Co., fish license.....	25 00
Feb. 17,	" " Clarence E. Pope, posts,	10 00
Feb. 18,	" " Bemis & Lambert, damage to Sand Hill School-house	225 00
Mar. 20,	" " John McArdle, for lumber, Sand Hill.....	1 50
May 15,	" " John B. Cornish, tuition at High School.....	30 00
Aug. 2,	" " Chas. H. Burgess, tuition at High School,	33 00
Aug. 17,	" " H. T. Keith, tuition at High School.....	22 00

Oct. 14,	To cash recd. of Wm.R. Gibbs, tuition at High School.....	33 00
Oct. 23,	" " S. Jones, tuition at Scorton.....	10 00
Dec. 31,	" " Dr. J. H. Stevens, for books sold.....	15 87
Sept. 30,	" " Noble P. Swift, for cow at almshouse.....	30 00
Dec. 8,	" " sales at almshouse.....	11 00
Dec. 9,	" " J.F. Cunningham,for hog,	15 00
Dec. 27,	" " W.F. Lapham, acct. cow,	3 00
Sept. 21,	" " Z. F. Chadwick, $\frac{1}{2}$ cart- ing curbing.....	3 23
Nov. 8,	" " Z. F. Chadwick, grading at hotel.....	47 33
Dec. 31,	" " Chas. Quinn, $\frac{1}{2}$ carting curbing.....	1 88
Dec. 22,	" " O. H. Howland.....	30
Dec. 3,	" " County for working road at Mashpee.....	96 72
Dec. 31,	" " Rent of Hall.....	129 50
31,	" " J. B. Hall, rent of hall,	35 00
31,	" " C. H. Burgess, tuition High School.....	11 00
31,	" " F. G. Stilphin, tuition High School.....	20 00
31,	" " Dog Fund from County,	327 67
31,	" " J. B. Hall, lumber Sand Hill school house..	5 00
31,	" " Taxes of 1884.....	84 55
31,	" " Taxes of 1885.....	8,649 48
31,	" " P. T. Brown, collector of taxes 1886.....	7,100 61
		\$26,102 59

Summary of Treasurer's Account.

To bal. due in settlement of account, 1885.....	\$ 9 88
To cash recd. from various sources for 1886.....	26,092 71
	<hr/> \$26,102 59

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By School orders paid.....	\$6,766 66
Pauper " "	3,839 13
Road " "	5,664 97
Contingent "	6,629 23
State Aid "	706 00
Cash on hand	2,496 60
	<hr/> \$26,102 59

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

E. S. Whittemore, services as Board of Health and in Reeves and Geo. Bennett cases,	\$24 10
House of Correction, board B. Covill.....	9 00
E. C. Percival, wood for Town Hall.....	1 88
H. G. O. Ellis, recording births, deaths and mar- riages.....	28 75
H. P. Harriman, services in liquor cases and Ben- nett case.....	44 50
John McArdle, setting trees in streets.....	2 50
James Shevlin, services as selectman and assessor for 1885.....	150 00
F. H. Burgess	104 18
H. G. O. Ellis, services as Town Clerk and Treas. for year 1885.....	125 00

H. G. O. Ellis, services as selectman and assessor,	175 00
" " Paying State Aid.....	10 00
Knight, Adams & Co., stationery.....	6 85
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., bill files.....	75
John E. Pratt, abatement tax of 1885.....	1 40
E. F. Crocker, services as deputy sheriff in Susan Gibbs case.....	5 60
Estate of Eli Covill, abatement tax of 1885— \$500—of amount assessed.....	7 70
M. R. Warren, blank licenses and bonds.....	3 72
Bass River Savings Bank, interest.....	37 50
C. M. Thompson, services on line between Sand- wich and Mashpee.....	7 50
James Shevlin, bal. bill of 1885 as assessor and selectman.....	28 60
Chas. Quinn, services as special police.....	75 00
Knight, Adams & Co., binding two record books, Commonwealth of Mass., paid on acct. liquor li- censes	50 00
Alvah Holway, wood Town Hall.....	2 50
Chas. Chipman Post.....	100 00
Geo. Atkins, services as constable.....	3 00
Levi S. Nye, services as auditor.....	5 00
C. M. Clark, services as auditor.....	5 00
Laban P. Crocker, services as fire ward, himself and others.....	26 00
Tim. Donovan, per order board of Health.....	5 00
Chas. Dillingham, services as selectman and as- sessor for year 1885, expenses and var- ious matters.....	182 00
F. S. Pope, postal cards.....	8 00
N. C. Linekin, printing postal cards, etc.....	8 75
G. Howland, guardian, abatement tax 1885 & '86.	1 42
G. Howland, watching fires and cash paid.....	6 90
B. & E. B. Sears, abatement of tax of 1886.....	3 24
Sandwich Observer, printing town warrants....	12 25

D. A. Hoxie, services as fire ward.....	4 00
Bass River Savings Bank, interest.....	50 00
H. G. O. Ellis, Treas., cash paid various parties for fighting fire, per order fire wards...	33 60
Benj. F. Ewer, abatement tax of 1885.....	2 45
Heirs Thomas Hamblin, abatement tax of 1885, error.....	9 00
James Shevlin, services to Oct 4, 1886, as select- man and assessor.....	90 00
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., collector's book.....	1 12
State Treas. on acct. of liquor licenses.....	200 50
Chas. Quinn, services special police.....	95 00
N. C. Linekin, printing posters.....	1 50
Henry T. Dean, abatement tax 1886, error.....	2 16
Matthias Smith, " " " "	11 62
H. M. Knowlton, counsel in S. Gibbs case.....	53 04
Isaac W. Holway, abatement tax 1886, error	11 52
T. L. Mayo, " " 1885, "	28 00
Watson Freeman, " " " "	2 80
Bass River Savings Bank, interest	37 50
Charles Quinn, services as special police.....	70 00
Treasurer of Commonwealth, State tax.....	855 00
Bass River Savings Bank, note and interest.....	512 71
J. F. Cunningham, services as constable, for dogs,	32 00
N. C. Linekin, tax notices	1 50
M. L. Adams, County Treasurer, County tax....	648 96
J. Keenan, carriage hire on roads	9 00
Treasurer of State, for liquor licenses	75 00
J. Q. Miller, horse hire	2 00
Wm. L. Nye, services as registrar	15 00
H. M. Lamphear, balance note and interest.....	613 20
H. G. O. Ellis, treasurer, cash paid on note of H. M. Lamphear.....	1,400 00
H. G. O. Ellis, for interest on notes, expenses, postage, etc	323 84
F. M. Tinkham, use of bull.....	4 00

Mrs. A. B. Dillingham, abatement tax.....	1 44
C. Dillingham	7 50
Isabella Freeman, for estate Frederic Freeman, abatement tax, 1886.....	6 48
C. Quinn, services as special police to Jan. 1, '87,	46 44
Edwin B. Nye, janitor at Town Hall	16 00
H. G. O. Ellis, services as registrar of voters....	15 00
I. K. Chipman, " " "	15 00
Jos. B. McArdle, " " "	15 00
Chas. W. Lapham, abatement tax of 1886	3 60
C. Quinn, posting warrants, notifying town offi- cers, various other matters.....	30 26

	\$6,629 23

ROAD ACCOUNT.

John M. Perry, labor to Feb. 1	8 00
S. S. Chipman, " "	71 00
John McArdle, " "	39 87
Samuel Fessenden, $\frac{1}{2}$ 693 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. curbing	112 95
and 3 loads of stone	90
S. S. Chipman, loam and stone	24 80
Charles Gibbs, labor	12 50
J. H. Sullivan, ironing snow plow	4 75
Benj. Ewer, loam	3 24
Holway Axe Co., iron work on tools.....	6 25
S. O. Ellis, repairing drain at J. Donovan's.....	6 00
Robert Armstrong, labor	37 79
Andrew Harlow, "	21 75
Daniel F. Hilliard, " with team.....	50 15
C. Dillingham, 648 loads gravel.....	32 40

Micah Tinkham, labor.....	10 50
John McArdle, "	21 75
Augustus Holway, " with team	40 50
David A. Hoxie, " and axe handle	21 77
John M. Perry, " with team	27 15
J. Breck & Sons, tools.....	21 49
J. A. Braley, labor with team	18 00
Henry W. Sargent, team 1 day.....	4 00
Patrick Early, labor	11 25
John W. Tinkham, labor.....	9 75
Mrs. Wm. Hamblin, loam.....	3 20
George Tyler, points for road machine.....	24 00
John Kelleher, labor.....	15 75
John McArdle, "	16 62
C. M. & F. Clark, nails.....	5 25
S. S. Chipman, labor	55 00
Old Colony Railroad, freight.....	3 00
James L. Lawrence, labor	1 40
Wm. C. Tripp, mules and harness.....	420 00
Barnabas Holway, posts and rails	16 96
Patrick Early, labor.....	29 70
James A. Braley, labor, with team.....	22 00
Roland J. Fish, "	37 95
John Kelleher, "	10 96
Zenas W. Wright, Jr., labor	11 62
Abraham Landers and others, labor	15 05
Holway Axe Co., repairing tools	3 75
Charles F. Gibbs, labor.....	21 00
John P. Nye, "	2 70
John M. Perry, " with team	42 80
John McArdle, "	7 53
Stephen M. Jones, "	9 75
Old Colony Railroad, freight	11 00
S. S. Chipman, labor	62 00
Roland J. Fish, "	20 40
Wilson & Johnson, "	27 00
Andrew Johnson, "	15 00

B. F. Hoxie, labor	9 00
D. N. Lewis, drain-pipe	99 00
A. and J. Hendrickson, labor.....	138 90
Tempie Hamblin, loam	5 92
Wm. Haskell, labor.....	1 95
John Kelleher, "	25 50
Edward Grenan, "	10 50
Jas. L. Lawrence, "	8 25
James Braley, " with team	62 00
John M. Perry, " "	60 00
Patrick Early, "	27 75
R. J. Fish, "	28 05
Charles H. Gibbs, "	31 50
James Forgie & Son, collars	10 00
Daniel F. Hilliard, labor, with team	27 90
Azariah Jones, "	12 00
Jas. L. Lawrence, "	21 45
John W. Tinkham, "	49 95
Daniel F. Hilliard, "	110 00
Zenas W. Wright, Jr. "	18 00
Benj. W. Fish, "	12 00
John McArdle, "	32 00
C. E. Pope, collars, breast-straps, etc	10 00
Chipman Fish, labor	6 25
Chas. B. Ellis, "	16 50
J. H. Sullivan, repairs and shoeing.....	9 40
John Kelleher, labor.....	33 75
Roland J. Fish, "	31 25
Fred A. Fish, "	37 25
Edward Grenan, "	7 50
Patrick Early, "	34 50
James A. Braley, " with team.....	87 40
S. S. Chipman, "	48 00
E. T. Pope, "	2 10
Edward J. Swann, man and team	31 60
James Haskell, stone work.....	27 20

Wm. H. Jones, labor.....	4 20
John McArdle, "	44 70
Charles Gibbs, "	33 00
H. G. O. Ellis, treasurer, snow bills paid various persons in February.....	113 80
J. Q. Miller, team and man.....	80 00
Geo. T. McLaughlin, $\frac{1}{2}$ curbing in 1884.....	110 30
John M. Perry, labor and team	87 40
R. B. Hoxie, "	3 36
D. F. Hilliard, " and team.....	122 00
H. P. Hoxie, "	7 00
Jerome R. Holway, " and team.....	51 00
Isaiah and H. W. Fish, labor.....	8 25
Patrick Early, labor.....	44 03
John McArdle, "	60 60
G. Howland, lumber	1 18
G. Howland, " for plank walk ..	66 21
A. & J. Hendrickson, labor.....	72 00
John M. Perry, "	49 60
Jas. Bicknell, cart, side boards, etc.....	106 00
S. S. Chipman, labor	74 00
Jas. A. Braley, "	53 40
Clarence E. Pope, repairs to harnesses, etc.....	5 25
Charles F. Gibbs, labor	30 50
R. J. Fish, "	18 60
H. D. Tobey, gravel	16 35
Edward Orr, labor.....	31 50
A. & J. Hendrickson, labor.....	146 56
Patrick Early, labor	21 00
John McArdle, "	30 00
George F. Hoxie, "	6 00
F. M. Tinkham, "	16 90
James L. Haskell. "	43 27
C. F. Gibbs, "	21 00
Morse & Linekin, tools, plows, etc.	25 92
George H. Weeks, labor	24 00

Ephraim Fish, labor	55 10
J. W. Tinkham, "	72 00
F. A. Fisher, "	4 95
Wm. H. Meiggs, "	12 00
D. A. Hoxie, "	76 35
John McArdle, "	46 00
John Kelleher, "	3 00
J. H. Sullivan, shoeing mules	9 55
R. Armstrong, labor	56 72
M. Smith, "	12 00
W. C. Fish, "	6 60
A. H. Landers, "	13 50
F. A. Bodfish, "	6 00
S. S. Chipman, "	158 00
H. G. Landers, and another, labor	42 00
John McArdle, labor	45 60
R. J. Fish, "	16 00
Joseph Ewer, "	48 00
James Haskell, stone work	79 52
P. H. Robinson, labor	36 48
David A. Hoxie, "	24 00
J. L. Lawrence, "	1 50
John B. Vodon, 561 loads gravel	33 66
James A. Braley, labor	12 80
J. C. C. Ellis, blacksmithing	26 50
James Keenan, labor with team, 1885 and 1886..	179 00
R. J. Fish, labor	3 60
A. H. Landers, labor, road and snow	10 15
J. McArdle, labor	33 20
H. G. O. Ellis, treas., cash paid sundry persons..	5 91
S. S. Chipman, labor	79 00
J. H. Sullivan, repairs	3 52
John M. Perry, labor with team	30 00
William H. Gibbs, labor	3 30
Grain for mules, from pauper account	76 36
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	\$5,664 97

Report of the Road Surveyor.

Your surveyor of highways respectfully submits the following report in regard to expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1886, with some suggestions in regard to the future.

The cost during the winter, of clearing the roads of snow, and some necessary repairs, to March 27, 1886, is..... \$400 00

I commenced work on roads March 29, and continued until Dec. 4, and have expended during said time as follows :

For general repairs, including widening of three miles of woods road to an average of 12 feet 954 37

NEW WORK, GRAVELING, ETC.

In Spring Hill district.....	171 50
In Scorton district, north and south sides.....	497 47
On Dock St. in village.....	188 00
Sand Hill school road	54 75
Town Neck road	76 00
Main St. in village.....	685 20
Liberty St. in village, grading, bank wall and removing trees	670 00
Foot-bridge to the Beach.....	81 15
For drains and bridges in various places.....	140 00

Side-walks	96	00
Making new road at South Sandwich, ordered by		
the County Commissioners.....	502	22
	\$4,516	66

The balance of amount expended is for the following purposes :

For mules and harness	420	00
G. T. McLaughlin, for curbing in 1884.....	110	30
Samuel Fessenden, curbing and stone in 1885 ...	113	85
J. S. Bicknell, cart for mules	106	00
Other bills of 1885, for labor and materials.....	321	80
Grain for mules.....	76	36
	£5.664	97

Three hundred dollars more than the estimated cost was expended on Main street. It did not appear right to stop in front of the hotel, making an abrupt and unsightly termination on the most public street in town. The improvement has well paid for the extra outlay.

On Liberty street, in making as nearly as possible one grade, much extra expense was necessarily incurred in grading the sidewalks, removing trees, and putting up a bank wall, all of which was required to put the street in proper shape. It is now finished to the railroad, leaving about 15 rods to be graded and graveled.

No other streets will cost as much for grading and graveling as the streets above named. All others are very near the proper grade, and will require little shaping before the gravel is put on. 2453 loads of gravel have been used during the year, making over two miles of new road.

Now as to material in the future. Four years ago a piece of road was made of all stone for a foundation. It has given perfect satisfaction. I am more and more of the opinion that stone is the best and cheapest material, rightly used, the cost being not much, if any, greater than gravel, of the bulk of which a large part is not needed, making unnecessary cost for carting. It is also very difficult to find such gravel as will make good road, without carting it a long distance. By using screened stone, or gravel, more labor and less teaming will be required; one load of the screened will cover as much space as two of the kind we have been using, as it has to be much thicker. Soil out of which plenty of stone can be screened can readily be found in almost any locality near where it is wanted, but it is very hard to find a perfect material, such as we have used in the past.

The towns now making the best roads at the smallest possible outlay, are using stone, own their own teams, hire their labor by the month, and board their laborers at their almshouses. Two teams owned by our town will save at least \$600 a year, that being the difference between owning and hiring our teams. During the seven years I have had the care of our roads not one dollar has been paid for repairs on any of our graveled road.

The improved condition of our highways is attracting the attention of people visiting this section during the summer months, and, if we take no backward step, is sure before very long to give us substantial returns in population and wealth.

I wish to thank those of our citizens who have so promptly and kindly reported defects noticed by them in the highways, some of whom have taken especial pains to do so.

S. S. CHIPMAN, *Surveyor.*

Team Account.

Pair mules and harness, purchased May 1.....	\$420 00
Cart.....	106 00
Shoeing	13 20
Repairs	20 00
Feed, grain 76.36, hay 60.00.....	136 36
Pay of teamster	144 00

	\$839 56

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By 156 days work on roads, at 4.00	624 00
“ 15 “ “ town farm, plowing	
carting dressing and hay.....	60 00
“ 1 day taking men to fire, and plow-	
ing around same	4 00
“ carting coal for High School and	
almshouse, and other trucking, ..	16 25
“ carting 25 cords wood from Wakeby, ..	50 00

	\$85 31

The above shows that the team had, on the 1st of January, paid the whole outlay on its account, within \$85.31, in eight months, and, excepting the wear of cart and harness, is in much better condition than at the time of purchase.

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

C. M. & F. Clark, grain and groceries, 1885.....	\$98 58
City of Cambridge, Jane Weston.....	5 40
S F. Hoogs & Co., beef.....	28 97
Chas. E. Pope, wood for H. Bennett.....	2 00
Geo. L. Atherton, meat for P. J. O'Neil.....	39 00
A. F. Sherman, goods to almshouse.....	7 57
Noble P. Swift, goods to almshouse.....	116 37
Jackson, Mandell & Daniell, dry goods.....	25 92
Mary K. Rogers, rent Shuster & board F. Lovell.	18 00
T. B. Gurney, board Abigail Fox.....	10 50
E. C. Percival, wood to S. Chase and others.....	22 19
Wm. R. Gibbs, goods to Ann Hayden and C. Rox.	53 77
T. H. Tobey, wood to H. Bennett and others in 1885.....	52 50
City of Fitchburg, Mary H. Baker.....	2 25
City of Somerville to Wm. Crangle and family..	45 75
Seth O. Ellis, killing hogs, etc. at almshouse....	9 75
City of Boston, Geo. Collins in 1885.....	70 00
S. S Chipman, labor at almshouse.....	10 62
Town of Falmouth, Emily Dennis in 1884.....	118 00
P. F. Mahoney, rent Mrs. T. Donnelly, 1885....	36 00
Henry W. Goodspeed, to Chase, Donnelly and Eaton.	10 00
F. H. Burgess, rent Lovell and Eaton in 1885...	97 50
F. H. Burgess, coffins for Hobson, Fish and Wil- son.....	44 75
Taunton L. Hospital, board patients.....	122 33
Leonard A. Treat, fish.....	4 50
Geo. H. Freeman, board Abigail Fox.....	19 07
Wm. F. Lapham, goods to Peters, Adams and Donnelly	66 50
Heman Nye, wood to Bennett, Donnelly and oth- ers.....	14 50
Franklin Nye, wood to Donnelly.....	2 50
H. G. O. Ellis, services as overseer of poor.....	100 00
E. Hancock, salary.	75 00

C. M. & F. Clark, groceries and grain.....	63 91
Mary K. Rogers, board and rent.....	16 00
D. S. Neal, goods to Isaac Robbins.....	20 00
C. F. Gibbs, labor at almshouse.....	3 00
Alexander Booker, care J. Wilson.....	5 00
C. F. Dalton, goods to Spinney.....	19 00
J. F. Nightingale, herrings.....	4 49
M. Tinkham, carting wood.....	57 50
M. Tinkham, labor almshouse team	22 00
M. F. Delano, medical attendance.....	50 00
F. E. Pierce, to Lovell.....	17 35
F. Crocker, ten bbls. flour.....	62 50
D. S. Neal, goods to I. Robbins.....	6 00
B. & S. Glass Co., coal to almshouse.....	11 00
City of Cambridge, supplies to C. Weston....	25 00
Ephraim Fish, wood to paupers.....	15 00
H. W. Spurr & Co., coffee	4 15
C. Dillingham, services as overseer of poor.....	64 50
Mary K. Rogers, board and rent.....	18 00
Utley & Boynton, beans.....	5 92
Swain, Earle & Co., tea.....	10 75
Chipman Fish, wood to paupers.....	12 50
J. Spinney, sawing wood for S. Chase.....	3 00
J. McCann, goods to S. Chase and C. Rox.....	78 25
J. Shevelin, services as overseer of the poor.....	80 00
C. M. & F. Clark, sugar.....	14 72
D. S. Neal, goods to I. Robbins.....	6 00
Geo. H. Freeman, board Abigail Fox.....	19 50
Isaiah Fish, wood to H. P. Lovell.....	5 00
E. Hancock, salary.....	75 00
Utley & Boynton, butter.....	6 45
Codman & Shurtleff, truss for J. Spinney.....	6 30
Mary K. Rogers, board and rent.....	16 00
G. Howland, lumber	32 86
Taunton Hospital, board patients.....	50 26
W. F. Lapham, goods to various persons and meat at almshouse.....	93 30

M. Coffee, trucking.....	5 30
H. D. Tobey, wood to Spinney & Chase.....	7 50
F. M. Tinkham, labor haying at almshouse.....	17 75
Boyd, Leeds & Co., kerosene oil and soap.....	9 29
Utley & Boynton, butter.....	5 12
L. A. Treat, fish.....	3 60
James Shevlin, services as overseer of poor.....	35 00
Morse & Linekin, goods to O'Neill and Chase...	47 40
C. M. & F. Clark, grain and groceries.....	132 86
E. Cushman, potatoes.....	35 00
C. M. & F. Clark, sugar and goods on orders to various persons.....	90 13
C. F. Dalton, goods to Spinney and Peters.....	37 50
F. A. Fisher, care of J. Wilson.....	2 50
Utley & Boynton, butter.....	12 70
E. Hancock, salary	75 00
C. A. Stoddard, work on barn	3 50
B. G. Bartley, dry goods.....	6 00
Jackson, Mandell & Daniell, dry goods.....	15 00
George H. Freeman, board Abigail Fox	19 71
Lewis Brown & Co., cotton and thread	2 73
A. G. Patch & Co., onions	2 50
City of Cambridge, supplies to C. Weston	9 90
C. M. & F. Clark, groceries and grain.....	108 94
D. S. Neal, for I. Robbins	6 00
Mary K. Rogers, board and rent	26 00
Isaiah Fish, wood for Woods, Buckley & Donnelly,	15 00
J. McCann, goods to Chase and Rox	93 75
O. H. Howland, repairs, stove, etc	16 80
J. F. Cunningham, labor, vault.....	10 00
Lunatic Hospital, board patients	45 16
City of Cambridge, for Robert Creighton	7 50
George N. Chipman, medicine	9 45
John Murray, pants for F. Lovell	2 25
Mary K. Rogers, board and rent	10 00

H. G. O. Ellis, treasurer, cash paid various persons, freight, express, etc	174 67
Goods delivered various persons	50 12
C. M. & F. Clark, groceries and grain.....	97 96
E. Hancock, salary	75 00
C. F. Dalton, supplies to J. Spinney and others..	34 50
Wm. Smith, rent for Mrs. Buckley	19 00
N. H. Fish, filing saws	3 00
T. F. Dean, rent for H. Bennett	39 00
E. Black, rent for H. H. P. Lovell.....	11 00
P. F. Mahoney, rent for Donnelly.....	30 00
F. Crocker, flour	59 90
Wm. R. Gibbs, goods for A. Hayden	40 00
City of Cambridge, for Weston.....	1 75
B. G. Bartley, clothing for almshouse	2 50
E. C. Percival, wood, etc	27 50

	3,922 74
Less amt. carried to School acct.....	7 25
" " " " Road acct.	76 36

	83 61

	\$3,839 13

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Expenditures for the Poor for the year ending Dec. 31, 1886.	
Supplies at almshouse.....	\$1,467 29
Outside aid to persons having settlement and residence in this town	1,214 71
Aid to persons residing in this town having settlement in other towns.....	229 35
Aid to persons residing in other towns having settlement in this town	354 33
Board paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital.....	217 75
Salaries of Overseers of Poor, medical attendance, and costs in Susan Gibbs case (witness fees)	355 70

	\$3,839 13

What has been supplied at Almshouse.

Groceries.....	209	78
Dry goods and clothing.....	101	54
Beef.....	171	18
Grain, corn, meal and oats.....	241	71
Flour.....	122	40
Butter, potatoes, fish and beans.....	80	28
Fuel.....	51	75
Repairs.....	63	16
Labor, haying, trucking, etc.....	58	67
Medicine.....	8	45
Wagon.....	20	00
Sundries.....	38	37
Salary of superintendent.....	300	00
Stock on hand Dec, 31, 1885	980	67

		\$2,447 96

CR.

By stock on hand Dec. 31, 1886:

31 lbs tea	7	75
7 bbls. flour	38	50
43 lbs. dried apples	3	44
2½ bu. beans.....	4	37
29 lbs. coffee	2	32
140 lbs. sugar	9	10
5 lbs. soapine.....		60
182 lbs. soap	10	92
9 bu. turnips	3	00
8 bu. beets.....	4	00
3 bbls. apples.....	6	00
600 lbs. pork.....	39	00
25 bush. potatoes.....	20	00
31 lbs. butter.....	5	27
40 lbs. lard.....	2	80
18 yds. cloth for pants.....	5	94
27 yds. cotton.....	1	62
24 yds. check.....	2	16

6 yds. denims.....	84
23 yds. crash.....	1 38
50 hens.....	50 00
7 tons coal.....	42 25
14½ cords wood.....	65 25
6 pigs.....	30 00
4 cows, 2 steers and 2 calves.....	200 00
4 bush. corn.....	2 46
9 tons English hay.....	180 00
3 tons salt hay.....	30 00
50 lbs. fish.....	1 50
23 gallons. kerosene oil.....	2 30
1 bush. salt.....	62
5 gallons. molasses.....	1 65
	775 04
	\$1,672 92

OTHER CREDITS.

By cash Town of Bourne, board paupers,	\$930 67
“ Sales from almshouse.....	11 00
“ G. L. Atherton, board father..	39 00
“ N. P. Swift, for cow.....	30 00
“ J. Cunningham, for pig.....	15 00
“ W. F. Lapham, for cow.....	3 00
	1,028 67
	\$644 25

Average cost per week at almshouse, \$1 73. Average number, 18½.

Persons supported at Almshouse.

Heman Dillingham,	Joseph Marsh,
Chas. W. Hamblin,	Wm. L. Daniels,
Sarah Collins,	Asceneth Meiggs,
Mary McCarthy,	Martha D. Keith,
Julia McHugh,	Catherine O'Leary,
Mary J. Jackson,	Sarah Bassett,
Mary Dennis,	John O'Connell,
James M. Atherton,	Mary O'Neill,
Henry C. Nye,	Moses Nye,
Henry R. Ewer,	Jas. Beck.

BELONGING TO TOWN OF BOURNE.

Geo. Weeks,	Susan Gibbs,
Lavinia Barlow,	Sarah Nightengale,
Effie Hoxie,	Eliza W. Ellis.

Persons aided in other cities and towns, whose settlement is in this town.

Abigail N. Fox....	68 78
Mary S. Baker, Fitchburg.....	2 25
Cynthia Weston, Cambridge.....	42 05
Robert Creighton “	7 50
W. Crangle, Somerville.....	45 75
George Collins, Boston.....	70 00
Emily Dennis, Falmouth.....	118 00

	\$354 33

Persons aided having settlement in other towns.

Mrs. Sarah Shuster, Harwich.....	\$52 00
H. H. P. Lovell, Middleboro.....	84 60
Isaac Robbins, Brewster.....	76 62
Elizabeth King, Bourne.....	13 00
Lewis Phinney, Barnstable.....	3 13

	\$229 35

Persons aided outside Almshouse having settlement in this town.

Patrick J. O'Neill.....	92 50
Simeon Chase.....	177 00
Mrs. Chas. J. Peters.....	70 00
Ann Hayden.....	84 64
Chas. Rox.....	61 63
Mrs. Benj. F. Hoxie.....	34 50
Mrs. Terrence Donnelly.....	174 00

Frank Lovell.....	60 25
Margaret Eaton.....	85 00
Hattie Bennett.....	54 25
Mrs. Ephraim L. Fish.....	59 00
Michael Woods.....	51 69
Joseph C. Adams.....	51 00
James Spinney.....	71 60
Henry R. Ewer.....	23 00
Mrs. John Buckley.....	21 50
Joseph Hobson.....	22 00
Joseph Wilson.....	21 15

	\$1,214 71

Board paid at Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

Joseph L. Rogers.....	\$133 65
C. T. Pope.....	56 34
Alice E. Harrison.....	27 76

	\$217 75

Mrs. J. L. Rogers is still paying to the town the amounts paid for her husband and will eventually make payment of the whole amount so expended by the the town. Miss Alice E. Harrison's friends have also paid the town the sum above named (\$27.76) as paid by the town for her board at Taunton. Chas. T. Pope has reimbursed in full the amount paid by the town for his board at hospital in 1885 and 1886, \$87.35.

Medical attendance to poor, Overseers' salaries, Witness fees, etc.

Dr. M. F. Delano.....	\$50 00
Salaries of Overseers of the Poor.....	279 50
Witness fees in Susan Gibbs case, etc	26 20

Summary.

Total amount expended at almshouse.....	\$1,467 29
Total amount expended outside almshouse.....	2,371 84

<i>CR.</i>	3,839 13
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By unexpended balance of 1886 less

stock on hand Dec. 31, 1886,	894 25
" appropriation for 1886.....	2,500 00
" amt. recd. for board almshouse..	982 67
" amt. recd. for board at L. Hospital.....	253 89
" sales from almshouse.....	59 00
" amt. due from other towns.....	229 35
" stock at almshouse, Dec. 31, '86.	775 04
	5,694 20
Unexpended balance of 1886.....	\$1,855 07

Actual cost of poor for 1886.

Amount paid out.....	3,839 13
Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1885.....	980 67
	4,819 80
Cash recd. and due from towns, 1,524 91	
Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1886..	775 04
	2,299 95
Actual cost of poor for 1886.....	\$2,519 85

The poor at our almshouse were again given a Thanksgiving dinner by the Hon. Jonathan Bourne. If the absorbing attention given and the powers of endurance shown by the recipients while partaking of the feast, may be accepted as the measure of their gratitude to the generous giver, nothing more could be desired—surely no words of theirs would be so expressive. The following is Mr. Bourne's letter:

NEW BEDFORD, Nov. 21, '86.

Charles Dillingham, Esq., Chairman, etc., Sandwich.

My Dear Sir:—The reading of the Governor's proclamation for Thanksgiving in our church today, admonished me that I should again remember the poor of my native town. And if it is consistent with the views of yourself and your associates I wish you would provide for the inmates of your almshouse a Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, mince pie, cider, and other luxuries generally provided for dinner on this day. If you will kindly attend to this request and send the bill to me, you will much oblige,

Yours, very truly,

JONATHAN BOURNE.

H. G. O. ELLIS, } Overseers
CHAS. DILLINGHAM, } of the Poor.

State Aid paid in 1886.

CHAPTER 252.

Jesse H. Allen.....	40 00
Francis Woods.....	96 00
Benjamin Ewer	72 00
John Hickey.....	72 00
Wm. H. Woodward.....	80 00

CHAPTER 301.

Elizabeth Chipman.....	48 00
Rosannah Dalton.....	48 00
Bethia Holway.....	48 00
Sarah S. Swift.....	48 00
Perez Eldridge.....	38 00
Betsey F. Fish.....	48 00
Phebe L. Wood.....	44 00
John M. Perry.....	24 00
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	\$706 00

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS FOR 1886.

Total number of polls	516
" tax on polls	\$1,032
" valuation of real estate	\$684,675
" " personal property	\$258,075
" valuation	\$942,750
" tax assessed for all purposes, with added taxes	\$14,708.92
Number of dwelling houses	475
" " horses taxed	208
" " cows "	261
" " sheep "	156
" " acres of land taxed.	20,955

The sums assessed are as follows:

State tax	\$855 00
County tax	648 96

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS:

For schools	5,800 00
" roads	3,200 00
" support of the poor	2,500 00
" contingent expenses	1,000 00
" Decoration Day	100 00
" overlayings	503 64

COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

H. G. O. ELLIS, Collector.

To balance taxes of 1884.....	\$90 05
By amount collected as per Treasurer's account.	84 55
	5 50
To balance uncollected taxes of 1885.....	8,844 47
“ added tax	2 00
	8,851 97
By amount collected of taxes of 1885, as per Treasurer's account.....	8,649 48
	202 49

PELEG T. BROWN, Collector.

To taxes of 1886 committed him for collection	\$14,607 60
Added taxes.....	101 32
	14,708 92
By amount paid Treas. as per his account.....	7,100 60
	7,608 32

ADDENDUM.

A DIGEST OF THE SEVERAL ACCOUNTS.

School Account.

Ordinary school expenses for the year ending	
Dec. 31, 1886.....	6,766 66

CR.

By appropriation.....	5800 00
“ Mass. School Fund, due.....	226 39
“ Dog licenses from County.....	327 67
“ Cash for tuition at High school and	
“ . . . elsewhere.....	159 00
“ Books sold.....	15 87
“ Due for tuition and books sold.....	52 75
“ Bemis & Lambert, damage at Sand	
Hill school-house	225 00
“ Old lumber sold at Sand Hill	6 50
Unexpended balance for 1886.....	6,813 18
“ “ “ 1885.....	2,196 06
	2,242 58

Pauper Account.

Amount paid out for pauper acct. to Dec. 31, '86,	3,839 13
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CR.

By appropriation.....	2,500 00
“ other credits.....	1,524 91
Unexpended balance.....	4,024 91
	\$185 78

Road Account.

Amount paid out for roads, bridges, for team, and new road at Mashpee.....	5,664 97
<i>CR.</i>	
By appropriation.....	3,200 00
" cash of Z. F. Chadwick, for carting, curbing and grading at the hotel.....	50 56
" C. Quinn, carting curbing.....	1 88
" working road at Mashpee for the County.....	96 72
" team	500 00
" amount due from W. E. Boyden, grading at stable.....	53 90
Deficiency.....	<u>3,903 06</u> <u>\$1,761 91</u>

Contingent Account.

Amount paid under this head.....	6,629 23
<i>CR.</i>	
By appropriation.....	1,000 00
" licenses paid.....	1,171 00
" bank and corporation taxes and State aid, from State.....	2,340 94
" amt. assessed for State and County Taxes.....	1,503 96
" Town of Bourne, acct. old bill....	12 27
" rent of Town Hall.....	164 50
" temporary loan paid Bass River Savings Bank.....	500 00
Unexpended balance.....	<u>6,692 67</u> <u>\$63 44</u>

Deficiency in road account	\$1,761 91
Unexpended balance of school credits	46 52
" " pauper "	185 78
" " contingent "	63 44
	<u>295 74</u>
Amount expended in excess of appropriations and other credits.....	\$1,466 17
Due the town, balance corporation tax of 1886..	225 00
	<u>\$1,241 17</u>

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Uncollected taxes of 1884.....	5	50
" " " 1885.....	196	99
" " " 1886.....	7,608	32
Mass. school fund due from State.....	226	39
Expected reimbursement State aid.....	526	00
Due from other towns.....	229	35
" " W. E. Boyden, grading at stable.....	53	90
" bal. corporation tax of 1886, due from State,	225	00
" from various persons, tuition, etc.....	89	74
Cash in Treasurer's hands Dec. 31st.....	2,496	60

	\$11,657	79

LIABILITIES.

Note Chas. B. Jones and interest to Jan.		
1, 1887.....	186	62
" Emma Jones and interest to Jan. 1,		
1887.....	102	67
Note Bass River Savings Bank and in-		
terest to Jan. 1, 1887.....	6,148	16
" C. Dillingham, exr., and interest		
to Jan. 1, 1887.....	717	52
" C. Dillingham, adm., and interest		
to Jan. 1, 1887.....	407	84

Note Wm. E. Packard and interest to			
Jan. 1, 1887.....	1,785	36	
“ Hattie E. George and interest to			
Jan. 1, 1887.....	1,018	00	10,366 17
Balance in favor of the town...			\$1,291 62

It will be apparent from the foregoing report, that the appropriations for all purposes, except for our roads, have been sufficient, with other legitimate credits, to meet the payments required during the year.

It is the opinion of your selectmen that the present plan of working our roads is giving the best results ever reached in that direction and should by all means be continued. We have now a degree of experience in our new methods which will each year produce better results with the certainty of gradually lessening expenditures.

We would again recommend the expediency of giving a discount of not less than six per cent. on all taxes paid on or before the 15th of October, after which date interest at the rate of six per cent. to be added to all unpaid taxes. The effect of the vote of last year was to defer to a great extent the payment of taxes to Jan. 1st.

The Susan Gibbs pauper case has, after suit, been paid to our town with costs of court.

CHAS. DILLINGHAM,
H. G. O. ELLIS, } Selectmen.

I, the undersigned, one of the auditors, (Mr. Charles M. Clark, auditor, chosen at same time, having moved out of the State) have audited the accounts of the treasurer and other town officers. Also the report for 1886 and find them correct and properly vouched for.

LEVI S. NYE, Auditor.

BIRTHS.

1886.

Jan. 3, —— Gaffney, still-born, Andrew and Mary A.
 Jan. 8, Frederick Fish, Frederick A. and Hattie A.
 Jan. 14, —— Mahoney, Patrick F. and Mary E.
 Jan. 19, Lawrena S. Neal, Decatur S. and Mary L.
 Feb. 4, —— Meiggs, Chas. W. H. and Octavia P.
 Feb. 22, Bertha M. Lutz, Nicholas and Lizzie.
 Mar. 4, Richard Donovan, Richard and Margaret.
 Mar. 8, Lydia W. Powers, Martin and Lucy E.
 Mar. 23, Clifton Ernest, John and Sadie S.
 Apr. 3, Mary T. Grady, James H. and Ellen F.
 Apr. 4, Mary E. Canary, Owen 2d. and Margaret.
 Apr. 12, John J. McNamee, John H. and Ellen.
 May 6, —— Milliken, John and Laura.
 May 15, Rosa Grennan, Edward and Eliza.
 Jun. 9, Elizabeth S. Holway, Joshua F. and Elva E.
 Jun. 23, Evelyn B. Fish, Cyrus F. and Delia P.
 Jun. 24, Annie J. Murray, John and Ellen.
 July 3, Chas. H. McDermott, Wm. F. and Mary E.
 July 11, Trevor B. Heald, Wm. H. and Annie H.
 Aug 18, Austin G. Dennison, James W. and Lavinia.
 Sep. 10, Eunice C. Cheval, Alfred L. and Mary J.
 Sep. 19, Chas. M. Perry, John M. and Dulcinia F.
 Sep. 21, Ruth C. Armstrong, John A. and Lizzie.
 Sep. 26, Ellen S. Beal, Samuel M. and Nancy T.
 Oct. 1, John D. Callahan, John A. and Mary E.
 Oct. 14, Gertrude Montague, Michael J. and Sarah E.
 Oct. 16, Lydia J. Howland, Oscar and Sarah.

Nov 9, James H. Coffee, John and Ellen.
Nov 17, Ellen F. Shepardson, James and Minnie.
Dec. 6, Ida Peterson, Martin and Elsie.
Dec. 9, Catherine F. Carleton, John F. and Isabel.

MARRIAGES.

1886.

Jan. 7, Sears C. Lapham and Mercy F. Percival.
Mar. 18, George W. Hill and Sophia Louvet.
Mar. 27, Martin Peterson and Elsie Olsen.
May 25, Azariah P. Jones and Elizabeth M. Hilliard.
Sep. 30, Jerome R. Holway and Ella F. Ellis.
Nov. 24, William E. Nye and Annie M. Heffernan.
Nov. 25, Francis M. Tinkham and Isabella A. Hoxie.
Dec. 28, Thomas Powers and Margaret Flynn.

DEATHS.

1886.

Jan. 18, Mabel Potter, aged 1 year, 3 months, 17 days. Scrofula.

Feb. 5, Meiggs, un-named, 1 day. Want of vitality.

Feb. 15, Mary Dennis, 77 years, 11 months, 23 days. Old age.

Feb. 16, Alice (Swanzey) Spinney, 78 years. Dropsy.

Feb. 20, William Wallace. Consumption.

Feb. 22, James Coffee, 21 years, 1 month. Consumption.

Mar. 9, Joseph A. Hobson, 14 years, 10 months. Consumption.

Mar. 17, Mary (Swanzey) Kenney, 66 years. Paralysis.

Apr. 6, Ezra G. Keene, 57 years, 8 month. Consumption.

Apr. 6, John McKenna, 86 years. Old age.

Apr. 22, Kate H. Louvet, 1 year, 1 month, 19 days. Unknown.

Apr. 23, Rebecca M. Jennings, 24 years. Consumption.

May 1, David B. Haskell, 61 years. Consumption.

May 3, Joseph Wilson, 62 years. Consumption.

May 16, Delia E. (Chadbourne) Stoddard, 33 years, 4 months, 20 days. Consumption.

May 23, Elizabeth M. Welch, 60 years, 11 mos. Heart disease.

Jun. 15, Thomas T. Turner, 28 years. Consumption.

Jun. 17, Susan Wheeler, 44 years. Dropsy.

July 25, Christiana Mular, 35 years. Erysipelas.

Aug. 6, Hannah (Nye) Lapham, 73 years, 2 months. Dysentery.

Aug. 21, Edward C. Chipman, 27 years. Drowned at sea.

Aug. 25, Alvah Holway, 77 years. Senile decay.

Sep. 1, Edward Carey, 69 years. Kidney complaint.

Sep. 2, Eliza N. Ellis, 82 years, 6 months. Old age.

Sep. 6, Gertrude Montague, 5 months, 6 days. Not known.

Sep. 9, James Reighel, 68 years. Pneumonia.

Sep. 17, Abbie E. (Lewis) Ellis, 52 years, 9 months, 2 days.

Oct. 7, Clifton Ernest, 7 months, 4 days. Cholera infantum.

Nov. 2, John Donovan, 2 years. Scalded.

Nov. 7, Wm. F. Lapham, 74 years. Heart disease.

Nov. 18, John B. Thurston. Congestion.

Nov. 27, Ellen (Kenney) Carey, 76 years. Consumption.

Nov. 27, Isabella (McGinley) Swanzey, 87 years. Old age.

Nov. 28, Henry R. Ewer, 72 years. Senile decay.

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

SUPERINTENDENT

— OF —

SCHOOLS,

— AND —

FINANCIAL STATEMENT,

For the Year 1886.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

In compliance with the law and custom, I respectfully present my annual report for the school year 1886-7, ending Feb. 1, 1887.

At the annual meeting in March, the Board organized by the choice of John E. Pratt, M. D., chairman; Chas. Dillingham, Secretary and Superintendent; Messrs. Pratt, Stevens and Dillingham, committee in charge of the High school and text-books. J. H. Stevens was subsequently chosen purchasing agent and custodian of books and supplies. The School Board consists of nine members, three of whom are chosen annually for three years. The term of the following members expires in March, 1887, viz: Sarah T. McLaughlin, Henry W. Goodspeed and William C. Chipman.

A general exhibit of the number of schools and teachers, of the enrollment and attendance of the pupils, is given in the following statistics:

Population of the town, State census of 1885,	2,124
Number of persons in the town between the ages	
of five and fifteen years, May 1, 1886,	386
Decrease from last year,	4
Number of pupils between five and fifteen years	
of age attending the public schools in 1886,	365
Number of children between five and fifteen years of	
age not attending school	21

School Buildings.

Number of school houses,	8
Number of occupied rooms,	12

Schools.

High schools,	1
Grammar "	1
Primary "	5
Mixed "	5

Teachers.

In High School,	2
" Grammar school,	1
" Primary schools,	5
" Mixed schools,	5
Total,	13

A more detailed exhibit of the attendance, etc., will be found in the tables appended to this report.

School Buildings.

With two exceptions, all the school buildings are comparatively new and in good condition, although those at Spring Hill and Scorton require constant repairs to keep them so. These show conclusively the false economy of putting out by contract such work to the lowest bidder. The building on School St. will require considerable outlay the coming year. It should be painted on the outside, the ceilings of all the rooms and halls whitened, and the walls either painted or kalsomined in colors that will be agreeable to the eye. The lower front room, intermediate, should be reseated, with single desks, those now in the room having been used more than forty years, are very much defaced, and many of them too low for the health and comfort of the children. I advise the reseating of this room be done during the Spring vacation.

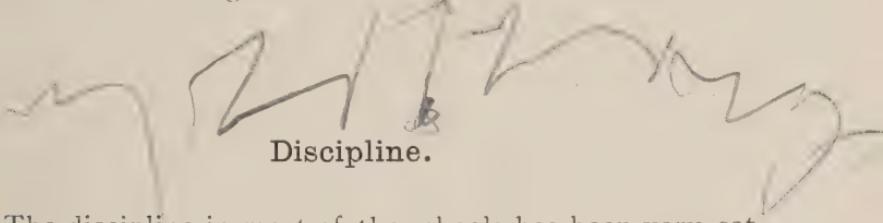
The ceiling and walls of the West Primary room should also be whitened and painted. The above are all the repairs that are urgent and will require an outlay of \$200 or \$250.

General Condition of the Schools.

I am pleased to report that our schools are making substantial progress. As usual at the close of the school year some of our teachers were induced to resign their positions by the offer of more lucrative positions elsewhere, but we were very fortunate in filling the vacancies, and the delay caused by the change was in most cases but temporary. There has been some improvement in the methods of instruction. The topical method of recitation is pursued in more of our schools than formerly, and with good results.

The one thing that is wanting in most of our schools to-day is the habit of close and continued application. It is so much easier, when the pupil meets with difficulties, for the teacher to do the thinking for him, than to teach him to think for himself, very few teachers can resist the temptation. We have proved most conclusively that the only way to learn to read is to *read*, that the only way to learn to write is to *write*, and it is no less true that the way to learn to think is by thinking. The teacher who makes her pupils use their own brains may not be able to go over so many pages of the books, but she will certainly achieve the greater success in the end. There has never yet been found, nor ever will be, any way to educate a child in anything that is valuable, except by effort on his part. All other methods are shams and will certainly end in failure. Another evil resulting from this want of personal effort on the part of the pupil is, that much of the work in the schools is superficial and necessarily so. Teachers are expected to make everything so simple that no thought is required on the part of the pupils; what they learn is a mere act of memory; consequently their reasoning faculties are undeveloped and when they take up studies requiring some thought and mental maturity, soon fail to be interested, and either drop them altogether or drag along with no benefit to themselves, a burden and discouragement to their classes and teachers.

It is not so much what we *do for* our children as what we enable them to do for themselves. It is not the boy who gives up after the first trial of a difficult problem and calls in the aid of the teacher, who makes the successful man. My attention has been directed to this subject by giving simple problems to be performed mentally; and I have been surprised to find how few, comparatively, could carry on the most simple mental process to any conclusion whatever. The remedy for this is in a great degree with the teacher. A pupil should never be told, what he can and should do for himself; in other words, abandon altogether what is known as the "pouring in process," and substitute the substantial work of mind training.



Discipline.

The discipline in most of the schools has been very satisfactory; there have been but very few cases of corporal punishment reported, and it is to be hoped the day is not far distant when it can be abolished altogether. "We believe that parents are more responsible than teachers for the moral, intellectual, and physical training of children. It is important that parents should realize their responsibility. They should regard the school merely as an *aid* to themselves in the performance of those high and difficult duties, which are involved in the physical, intellectual, and moral training of children. They should know what their children do in school as well as out of school, make frequent visits to the school room, and co-operate with the teacher as far as possible."

Temperance in the Schools.

STATUTE LAW.—CHAP. 332.

AN ACT REQUIRING PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE TO BE TAUGHT
IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Physiology and hygiene, which, in both divisions of the subject, shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught as a regular branch of study to all pupils in all schools supported wholly or in part by public money, except special schools maintained solely for instruction in particular branches, such as drawing, mechanics, art, and like studies. All acts or parts of acts relating to the qualifications of teachers in the public schools shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in this act.

SECTION 2. All penalties now fixed for neglect to provide instruction in the branches of study now prescribed by law shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of August in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

Approved June 16, 1885.

In conformity to this statute, text books on this subject have been introduced, and are used in all the schools; the success attending their use depends very largely upon the teacher. If she is in sympathy with the movement good can but be the result; if she is in doubt as to its expediency and simply tolerates it in the school-room, but little can be expected. I am happy to say that some of our teachers have taken up the work in earnest. The influence of their instruction may never be known.

It is reported of Horace Mann that at the opening of one of the reformatory institutions of the State, he said, "it was worth all the cost if only one boy was saved from ruin." When asked if he had not colored this statement somewhat, replied,—"not if it was my son." To this every parent, I think, must assent.

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I recommend that the temperance pledge be introduced in all the public schools of the town above the primary grade; not to be signed by any pupil unable to sign it in his own hand writing. The following plan is suggested, which has been tried in the city of Taunton with good success:

"In order to secure thoughtful action and foster the habit of 'counting the cost' before making promises, printed slips of paper, containing the temperance pledge, were given to pupils in schools and classes above the primary grade, with instruction to take them home for further consideration, and, after consulting with their parents in relation to signing them, to return them to their teachers, signed, if understandingly approved, blank, if after such consultation it should not be thought advisable to sign them. The pledge printed upon these slips of paper was as follows:

I hereby solemnly promise to abstain from the use of all Intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

I also authorize my name to be subscribed in the "Temperance Pledge Book" of the school to which I belong.

Signed with my own hand.

Sandwich, Mass., 188

Pledge books containing the following pledge and explanations were furnished to the teachers.

PLEDGE.

We solemnly promise to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

EXPLANATIONS.

1. This book is to be kept by the Teacher and School Committee, and such names added, from term to term, as can be obtained.
2. For violations of the pledge write the sign — (minus) against the name.
3. At the close of each term of the school the teachers should ascertain if any pupils have violated the Pledge, and if any, indicate the same as above.

NOTE.—It is recommended that Temperance Declamations, Dialogues and Songs be included among the exercises for elocutionary drills and exhibitions of the school.

High School.

The interest which the patrons of the school, and our citizens generally, have ever manifested, continues unabated. It has been the aim of the committee having its supervision, to render it as valuable as possible to all classes of the community. The standard for admission remains unchanged, and with the present population of the town it cannot be materially raised. It should not be so high as to keep out all but the select few, nor so low as to impair its character and usefulness. We cannot maintain a school of respectable numbers, of the grade found in our larger towns and cities. I advise that there be some change in the courses of study and more time allotted to some of the branches taught; particularly those of direct practical use in business.

The Principal suggests also that the three years English course be extended to four years, which perhaps is advisable, particularly if it can be arranged to meet the wants of the large number of pupils, who enter the school to acquire a practical business education.

The graduating class the present year numbered ten, viz :

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Katherine Helena Black,
Emily French Chipman,

Mary Louisa Brown,
Phoebe Etta Stilphin.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Belle Corinne Hartwell,
Mary Anne Morris,
John Putnam,

James Michael McArdle,
Hiram Edmund Perry,
Ernest Linwood Varnum.

The exercises were concluded with a public exhibition in the Unitarian church before a very large audience, and were highly satisfactory.

The following report, etc., prepared by the principal will be read with interest:

SANDWICH, Feb. 7, 1887.

Mr. Dillingham,

My Dear Sir:—Please find enclosed the information desired in reference to the High school. In making my averages, I have been pleased to notice the good attendance of the school. It is a rare thing for a scholar to be absent for any other cause than sickness. When it is remembered that about one-fourth of the scholars are obliged to come several miles every morning, and that a hill is to be climbed by all, quite often, too, in the face of disagreeable weather, I think that an absence of *one*, daily, in a school of more than fifty, is a very good record. The same can be said in reference to tardiness,—it is something almost unknown in the school. These facts are of interest, for they mean more than a good looking register. It is the spirit of the school, and is of incalculable value to the scholars, individually, and to the classes to which they belong.

I took a few statistics the other day for my own amusement, yet perhaps some of the results may be interesting to you. Every scholar attends school because there is a desire to do so. I thought there might be one or two, at least, who came only from compulsion. Forty-four desire a higher education, and nineteen announced their intention of attending some college or seminary. Forty-two of them read the daily newspapers. A majority prefer *two* sessions, and two-thirds of the scholars favor the present location of the school house. I inquired how many hours were spent in study each day and the answers were very interesting. I saw very plainly why some scholars were obliged to go back. The question included *all* time spent in study, in school and out, leaving out the time of recitation. The highest was *eight* hours, the lowest *one* hour and *forty-five* minutes. The average time spent is *four* hours and *forty* minutes. There is considerable difference between the lowest and the average even, and yet I do not think the average high enough. Six hours a day is not too much study. That will allow two hours for each study. It is a very difficult thing to make progress in a class when a part study two hours a day and another

part seven and eight. Of course teachers and committees are powerless to remedy such a state of affairs, for much study must be done at home; still, it might be possible for parents to aid the teachers in their work. I speak of this because parents expect (as you of course know) that their children must make as brilliant records as every other scholar, regardless of existing conditions.

As I reported some time ago, the number of books at the school, new and old, is about 625. The money which was received from the school entertainment last winter, has been expended in buying apparatus and reference books, and in defraying a part of the expenses of the last graduating class. Our school, in all probability, is better supplied with books and apparatus than any other school on the Cape, and yet, in some respects other schools have more advantages than ours.

In several towns about us, there is a very good public library, the need of which in a school of this grade is very great. Personal observation and individual investigation are invaluable aids to a scholar taking up a course of study, such as is afforded in the High school. It teaches him to seek truth for himself, at the same time bringing new material into the class room. The present teachers have endeavored to encourage the scholars to adopt this method of study, instead of confining themselves too closely to the text books in use. But the means with which to work are very limited. To be sure, they have an excellent cyclopædia and a few reference books on general topics, and these are of great value; but a more extensive library is what is needed for such work. I have mentioned this subject in connection with school work, for I think they should go hand in hand.

Something ought to be done, for surely progressive Sandwich should not be behind neighboring towns. A small library at the school would, indeed, be a great aid, but a public library would give all classes an opportunity to receive the benefit of its presence. Sandwich is entitled to a great deal of praise for the very general and active interest which is taken in the education of her children; but should she not add another good act to her excellent record by providing for the culture and enlightenment of all her citizens?

Respectfully, yours,

C. T. C. WHITCOMB.

Text Books.

An important item of expense in school administration is the act of the Legislature requiring cities and towns to supply public schools with books and materials free of charge. This law has now been in operation two years. It was hoped and expected that after the second year at least, the expense would be comparatively small, as most books owned and used by the pupils would by that time be replaced by the free books. We can but hope that another year will show a much reduced expenditure in the accounts, but our experience is that of every town in the State. I advise a change in the method of supply, that teachers be held in some degree accountable for the books and materials used in their rooms; that a separate account be opened with each room, that at the end of the year the agent may know exactly how much has been expended in each.

The following list comprises all the books owned by the town and the number in each room:

High School,	648
School St., Grammar,	421
" Intermediate,	141
" Primary,	77
West Primary,	179
Jarvesville Intermediate,	157
" Primary,	122
Spring Hill,	72
Scorton,	39
Forestdale,	54
Wakeby,	53
Farmersville,	30
 Total,	 1993
Value of new books in hands of agent Jan. 1, '87,	\$34 63
" 2d. hand books " " "	19 34
" of sup lies " " "	46 00
 Books sold by agent,	 \$15 96

Conclusion.

That our schools have been very much improved within the past few years must be apparent I think to the most casual observer, and if their present standard of excellence is to be maintained it must be largely by liberal appropriations, judiciously expended. But says, Secretary Dickinson, "Experience has proved that the efficiency of the schools is never secured by the use of pecuniary means alone, but by the intelligence and good will of the people in organizing and administering their affairs.

CHAS. DILLINGHAM, Supt.

Sandwich, Feb. 10, 1887.

TABLE
OF
STATISTICS.

	No. Enrolled.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	No. over 15 years of age.	No. between 8 and 14 years.	No. of Visitors.
High School,	49	50	49	.98	33	8	115
School St. Grammar,	57	52	49	.94	2	55	135
" " Intermediate,	32	37	35.5	.94	1	42	106
" " Primary,	62	47	43.5	.92		23	102
Jarvesville Intermediate,	41	39.5	35.5	.90		41	80
" " Primary,	55	44.5	42.5	.93		4	43
West Primary,	42	34	32	.93		39	59
Spring Hill,	22	19	17	.90		19	43
Scorton,	16	13	11	.90		9	49
Forestdale,	13	9.5	9	.97	2	8	25
Wakeby,	10	8.5	8	.92		8	23
Farmersville,	8	5.5	4.8	.87	2	3	31

407 359 337 93.5 40 249 811

There have been connected with the schools during the year 407 pupils. The percentage of attendance, based upon the average membership, has been 93.5 per cent., the best record ever exhibited in our schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Ordinary school expenses for the year ending Dec. 31, 1886, including balance for new house at Jarvesville..... \$6,766 66

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By appropriation.....	\$5,800 00
“ Mass. School Fund,.....	226 39
“ Dog License from County,.....	327 67
“ cash for tuition at High school and elsewhere.....	159 00
“ books sold.....	15 87
“ due for tuition and books sold...	52 75
“ Bemis & Lambert, damage...	225 00
“ old lumber sold at Sand Hill....	6 50
Unexpended balance of 1885.....	2,196 06
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Unexpended balance.....	\$2,242 58

The following is a statement in detail of the amount expended for each school.

High School.

C. T. C. Whitcomb, principal.....	\$1,200 00
Miss A. M. Mehan, assistant	470 00
Fuel.....	61 23
Care and cleaning.....	74 50
Car tickets for pupils.....	16 37
Sundries, for graduating class, etc.....	12 29
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	\$1,834 29

School Street.

M. B. Warner, teacher,.....	450 00
J. G. Thompson, "	188 10
M. E. Nightengale "	67 50
N. C. Gragg, "	311 25
C. D. Frost, "	192 50
Repairs.....	39 69
Care and cleaning.....	83 00
New desks.....	19 80
Fuel.....	43 00
Sundries.....	11 13

	\$1,405 97

West Primary.

Dora Newcomb, teacher.....	271 25
Painting and other repairs.....	43 84
Care and cleaning.....	21 00
Fuel and stove.....	14 50

	\$350 59

Jarvesville.

S. M. Wood, teacher.....	280 25
Annie O'Leary, "	306 25
Fuel and preparing.....	42 10
Care and cleaning.....	48 00
Repairs.....	1 25
Sundries.....	1 18

	\$679 03

Spring Hill.

M. L. Linton, teacher.....	184 00
E. J. Shackley, "	72 00
Repairs.....	6 45
Care.....	11 50
Fuel.....	16 00

	\$289 95

Forestdale.

Stella Chipman, teacher.....	184 00
Grace E. Chipman, "	45 00
Care and cleaning.....	19 00
Fuel and preparing.....	14 50
Repairs.....	2 35

	\$264 85

Wakeby.

Grace Irwin, teacher.....	248 00
Care and cleaning.....	19 00
Fuel and preparing.....	12 75

	\$279 75

Scorton.

Ella F. Ellis, teacher	227 50
Rosa S. Nye. "	30 00
Care.....	16 00
Lumber and labor, repairs.....	67 73

	\$341 23

Farmersville.

M. F. Percival, teacher.....	50 00
Grace E. Chipman, “.....	180 00
Mamie Jones, “.....	56 00
Fuel and preparing.....	20 50
Care and cleaning.....	18 00

	\$324 50

Jarvesville New House.

Painting.....	63 61
Teaming.....	16 15
Well, etc.....	27 50
Grading and graveling.....	60 00
Desks.....	148 00

	\$315 26

Books paid for in 1886.

Chas. H. Whiting and others.....	68 34
Cowperthwaite & Co.....	39 14
Harrison Hume.....	35 13
D. Appleton & Co.....	12 94
Ginn & Co.....	51 85
Harper Brothers.....	90 72

	\$298 12

Miscellaneous.

Salary of Superintendent.....	150 00
Printing.....	39 47
King & Merrill, school supplies.....	77 46
C. Dillingham, cash paid for various matters.....	10 50
Cash paid by Treas. for express and other mat- ters.....	16 87
J. H. Stevens, for services in regard to books, etc.	52 22
Sundries.....	36 60

	\$383 12

